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The Honorable William J. Casey
 Director of Central Intelligence
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 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Casey:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 1983,
 regarding my efforts in the debate concerning the
 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill.



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for myself and for my family." Since that time, I have
 had the unique opportunity of serving Senators Barry
 Goldwater and John Chafee -- two men dedicated to
 strengthening and improving our Intelligence Community.
 It has also been my privilege to play a role in some
 legislative battles where issues important to the
 intelligence have been at stake.

My point in recounting this brief history is to make
 it clear that my interest and dedication to rebuilding
 our intelligence capabilities grows out of a strong personal
 conviction that this activity is a vital component of our
 nation's defense. For this reason, it is a real treat
 to receive a note of appreciation such as yours. It is a
 pleasure to be associated with you in these important
 endeavors.

Once again, thank you for your kind remarks.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Simmons
 Staff Director

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